

Table A-7. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics and event or exposure, All United States, 1997

Worker characteristics	Total fatalities (number)	Event or exposure ¹ (percent)					
		Transportation incidents ²	Assaults and violent acts ³	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total	6,238	41.8	17.8	16.6	11.5	8.9	3.1
Employee Status							
Wage and Salary Workers ⁴	4,970	42.8	16.2	16.0	12.0	9.3	3.4
Self-employed ⁵	1,268	37.9	24.3	19.0	9.6	7.3	2.0
Sex							
Men	5,761	41.3	16.4	17.5	12.0	9.3	3.2
Women	477	47.8	35.0	5.5	4.6	4.4	2.1
Age							
Under 16 years	21	52.4	19.0	14.3	--	--	--
16 to 17 years	41	41.5	24.4	7.3	17.1	9.8	--
18 to 19 years	113	28.3	20.4	25.7	5.3	16.8	3.5
20 to 24 years	503	40.4	14.3	18.9	10.7	11.9	3.4
25 to 34 years	1,325	40.0	20.3	15.2	9.3	11.4	3.6
35 to 44 years	1,524	37.5	18.9	17.2	12.2	10.6	3.3
45 to 54 years	1,302	44.3	16.7	16.1	11.7	7.8	3.0
55 to 64 years	875	45.3	17.8	16.6	12.2	4.9	2.9
65 years and over	520	49.8	13.8	16.5	15.2	2.3	2.3
Race or Ethnic Origin							
White ⁶	5,108	43.0	15.5	17.1	11.9	8.9	3.4
Black ⁶	677	39.6	24.5	15.5	8.3	9.2	2.5
Hispanic or Latino ⁶	658	32.7	19.9	19.1	13.5	11.2	3.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	35	45.7	11.4	17.1	17.1	8.6	--
Asian or Pacific Islander	198	25.8	54.5	6.6	7.1	5.6	--

¹ Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual.

² Includes highway, nonhighway, air, water, and rail fatalities.

³ Includes violence by persons, self-inflicted injury, and assaults by animals.

⁴ May include volunteers and other workers receiving compensation.

⁵ Includes paid and unpaid family workers, and may include owners of incorporated businesses, or members of partnerships.

⁶ For years prior to 2000, the race categories White and

Black include Hispanic workers. For years 2000 and later, the race categories White and Black exclude Hispanic workers.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding.

Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries